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TAGS: PFOR, BU, SWEL

SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE IN BULGARIA

REF: A. SOFIA 0458

B. STATE 049887

1. BULGARIAN PRESS MARCH 8 ADDS INFORMATION TO THAT PREVIOUSLY AVAILABLE (REF A) REGARDING IMPACT OF EARTHQUAKE ON BULGARIA.

2. DEATH TOLL HAS NOW REACHED 83 (80 IN SVISHTOV), WITH A FURTHER 50 MISSING. ONE HUNDRED FORTY PERSONS LISTED AS SERIOUSLY INJURED. EMBASSY INQUIRIES HAVE AS YET REVEALED NO AMCITS AMONG DEAD OR INJURED.

3. IN SVISHTOV, BULGARIAN RELIEF COMMISSION REPORTS 355 DWELLINGS DESTROYED AND 4,463 SERIOUSLY DAMAGED, 5 SCHOOLS DESTROYED AND 50 DAMAGED, 30 DAY-CARE CENTERS SERIOUSLY DAMAGED, AS WELL AS MANY OTHER BUILDINGS, INCLUDING THOSE OF NEWLY CONSTRUCTED "SVILOZA" CHEMICAL ARTIFICIAL FIBRE COMBINE. COUNCIL OF STATE HAS DESIGNATED THREE WEEKEND DAYS AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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END OF MARCH TO BE REGULAR WORKING DAYS FOR ALL WHO NORMALLY WORK FIVE-DAY WEEK TO HELP PAY FOR RELIEF EFFORT.

4. PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT BULGARIAN RED CROSS HAS SENT A FIRST PLANE LOAD OF MEDICINE AND FOOD SUPPLIES TO ROMANIA.

5. AMBASSADOR HAS SENT LETTER OF SYMPATHY AND  
CONCERN TO PRIME MINISTER STANKO TODOROV AS AUTHORIZED  
(REF B). PRESS REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV  
TOURED DISASTER AREA PERSONALLY MARCH 7.  
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